

## Message Text

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TAGS:

SUBJ: SYRIAN WHEAT TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) FASTO 26, (B) GPW/W LTR TO BENSON 6/18

1. AGATT MET SARG MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND INTERNAL TRADE  
7/15 TO FOLLOWUP USDA/GPW INVITATION FOR U.S. VISIT IN SEPT/  
OCT AS PER REFS. KABALAN STILL EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN  
PROPOSED VISIT AND WILL PROVIDE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE PRIOR 8/10.  
AGATT DID NOT DISCUSS EXACT STARTING DATE, BUT BELIEVES  
PROPOSED 9/25 DATE ACCEPTABLE. DOES MISSION HAVE TO FLY U.S.  
CARRIER WHEREVER POSSIBLE? IF SO, PANAM HAS MONDAY AND THURS  
FLIGHTS DAMASCUS/NY, SO 9/27 STARTING DATE MAY BE MORE  
SUITABLE. PLEASE ASK GPW/W TO PROVIDE ITINERARY ASAP.

2. SINCE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST GOVT  
BAKERIES, AGATT RECOMMENDS MISSION GIVEN OPPORTUNITY VISIT  
MODERN U.S. BAKERY PRODUCING ARABIC BREAD. GPW CAN MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH WILLIAM FORAN, C.H. BABB CO., 99 VON  
HILLERN ST., DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125, TEL (617) 436 0776.

3. AGATT HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY BENSON PER PARA 5 REF (B).  
WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE GPW/W PROVIDING AGATT ASAP COPY  
OF BOOKLET FROM PREVIOUS TEAM TRIP TO SHOW KABALAN WHEN BIO  
DATA REQUESTED, AND LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FROM MISSION  
PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR BOOKLET.

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